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COMMENT OF THE DAY

INSPECTION DEADLOCK

JUDGING by the press conference statements on the Arctic region inspection by President Eisenhower and Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, over the last two days, the position now appears to be one of deadlock between the Soviet Union and the United States on inspection policy for the area.

British sources indicate that they expect that the international spotlight will shift back again to the prospect of a "summit" conference with the pending delivery of fresh Western notes to the Soviet Union.

The diversion of world interest from summit exchanges which took place when Russia criticized flights of United States II-bombers over the Arctic and the United States counter-proposed aerial inspection for the region has now come to an end.

Underlined

IN effect President Eisenhower's fresh appeal for an ending of the II-bomber flights has underlined the deadlock resulting from the two recent Security Council sessions.

In the Security Council session called by Russia, the United States contested the Soviet charge that the II-bomber flights were a danger to world peace.

On Tuesday Mr. Gromyko and the Soviet Security Council delegate, Mr. Aarkndi Sobolov, claimed that existing tension could not be reduced by the aerial inspection plan.

But the United States, whose position on aerial inspection is backed by Britain and the great majority of the Security Council, and the Soviet Union have confirmed their conflicting stands in the subsequent press conference statements.

THE exercise in isolated negotiation on the Arctic question through the auspices of the United Nations must consequently be expected to peter out.

And the apparent prospects on future agreement on some of the issues now dividing East and West have been transferred back to the realm of summit exchanges.

If no further hitches develop, these might start seriously in Moscow next week in the form of separate exchanges between Mr. Gromyko and the Ambassadors of the United States, Britain and France.

In the absence of Soviet agreement to meet them jointly the three envoys are expected to operate as a team whose members would take turns in handling a joint brief in the talks at the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

RECESSION IN US

WHILE unemployment in the United States has declined by 78,000 in April it is much less than the usual drop of over 200,000 at this time of the year so that the picture is far from a happy one.

President Eisenhower shows less optimism now than he has done in the past about the prospects of a quick pick-up from the current United States recession.

In fact, the President's statements tend to support the arguments of those economists who interpret the latest unemployment and employment figures as no advance at all and possibly a retrogressive step.

SIEGE OF BRITISH FORT LIFTED

Aden Levies Reach Lonely Garrison

Aden, Apr. 30. A company of turbaned Aden levies tonight relieved the Fort of Assairir, which has been besieged by rebel tribesmen since last Tuesday.

The garrison was relieved after a two-mile advance under rebel fire from the Aden levies positions on a plateau reached earlier today to Jebel Jihaff.

The Aden levies established themselves in a new position dominating Fort Assairir before the siege.

The Aden levies soldiers, commanded by Major William Beucher-Myers, had to scale a 1,500 foot escarpment, laced with rebel-held cliffs, to reach a position where they could dominate the ruined Assairir Fort and the nearby house where the 30 strong garrison of Arab guards was trapped.

Lone Briton

The lone Briton in the relieved garrison, Mr. Fitzroy Somerset, 34-year-old Political Adviser in the Dhala Emirate, will return to his Dhala Headquarters on Thursday.

The battle, in which British aircraft have bombed and strafed the rebel tribesmen with machine-guns and rockets, has brought a casualty toll of at least six wounded on the Government side.

One uniformed soldier from the neighbouring Yemen is reported killed and two wounded. Intelligence reports said a Yemeni supply column was seen crossing the border from Qalaba towards the Jebel Jihaff area, near the Government Aden levies positions.—Reuter.

Queen And Duke To Visit Ghana

London, Apr. 30. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are to visit Ghana late in 1959, it was announced from Buckingham Palace tonight.

The Buckingham Palace statement said: "The Queen has received from Dr. Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana, an invitation to visit Ghana late in 1959 with the Duke of Edinburgh."

"Her Majesty has informed Dr. Nkrumah on behalf of herself and of His Royal Highness of the pleasure which they give her to accept this invitation."

Ghana, formerly the Gold Coast, became a fully independent state within the British Commonwealth on March 6 last year.

Dr. Kwame Nkrumah became the first Prime Minister of the first all-African dominion.—Reuter.

BEA Profit

London, Apr. 30. British European Airways made a record profit of £1 million in the past financial year, it was announced tonight. The total of passengers carried had risen to 2,760,000—an increase of 300,000 on the previous year.—China Mail Special.

FRENCH GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS

Mollet Holds Key To Solution?

Paris, Apr. 30. PREMIER-DESIGNATE Rene Pleven, today resumed his efforts to form a new French Government by a series of meetings with political leaders, starting with Guy Mollet, former Premier and leader of the Socialist Party.

Pleven talked for more than an hour and a half with Mollet, whose party may be decisive for the chances to solve the governmental crisis, which entered its third week today. The Socialists will decide on Saturday whether or not to participate in a Cabinet headed by Pleven.

Europeans Injured In Bomb Blast

Aden, Apr. 30. Three British servicemen and four European civilians, one of them a woman, were injured by a bomb thrown into the Victory Bar and Restaurant here tonight.

The injured were taken to the Royal Air Force hospital here. First examination showed none was seriously hurt.

The injured woman is believed to be Maltese. The bomb is understood to have exploded under her chair.

The attack appears to be linked with local feeling against the employment of non-Arab labour in the Aden colony, which was the cause of a strike last Friday.—Reuter.

RENEWED WAVE OF TERROR IN KASHMIR. PAKISTAN CHARGES

Karachi, Apr. 30.

The Pakistani Government said tonight the re-arrest of Sheikh Abdullah, former Kashmir Prime Minister, "comes in the wake of a renewed wave of terror" and "proclaims once more the callous injustice of the Indian position in Kashmir."

UK MISSILE EXPLODES IN FIELD

Newquay, Apr. 30. An experimental British rocket missile exploded in midflight and plunged into a field near this seaside resort today.

The "test device", as the British Ministry of Supply termed it, zoomed off its seaward course from the Aberporth test range 10 miles away.

In its explosive plunge the rocket blasted a large crater in a hayfield barely 300 yards from the nearest houses. But there were no casualties and no damage to the village.

The Ministry of Supply said in London that a full investigation had been ordered. It refused further comment as to the type of missile involved.—United Press.

FILIPINO DOCTOR GIVES SELF UP

New York, Apr. 30. Dr. Rodrigo L. Sarmiento, Filipino surgeon wanted in connection with the slaying of a Brooklyn nurse gave himself up today at the Philippine Consulate-General.

A spokesman for the Consulate-General reported that Sarmiento had surrendered voluntarily and was talking behind closed doors with Consul-General Raul T. Latorre.

The spokesman said an attorney was with them and that Sarmiento probably would be taken to the District Attorney's office. He is wanted on suspicion that he killed Margaret Kabak, 33, a Brooklyn nurse.

NO DETAILS

No details of Sarmiento's intention to surrender were given immediately.

The Consul-General's office is on the 76th floor of the Empire State Building.

Miss Kabak was found dead in her Brooklyn home last Saturday with 15 stab wounds on her body.

She and Sarmiento had been on the staff of the Jewish Hospital for Chronic Diseases in Brooklyn. Police reported they had been good friends until a few weeks ago.

Police said that Sarmiento would be taken to the Brooklyn Avenue police station to be booked and questioned.—United Press.

ITALIAN SHIP SUNK IN INDONESIA

Oakland, Cal., Apr. 30.

The 5,330-ton Italian vessel, Aquila, was bombed and sunk on Monday as it waited in harbour at Ambolna, Indonesian Borneo, its owners reported here today.

The Cocotos Steamship company, which has its headquarters here, said the Aquila's master, Captain Giuseppe Coppola of Genoa, reported the vessel was sunk while waiting to load a cargo of copra for Copenhagen.

Foreign Office sources said.—Reuter and France-Press.

21 PICKED UP

Twenty-one of the crew were picked up by the Greek steamer Armonia (2,740 tons), the company said. The fate of the other 12 was not known.

The Aquila was sailing out of Genoa with an Italian crew and under the Italian flag.

In London, Britain has decided to approach Indonesia on the bombing of two British tankers by an unidentified plane in the port of Balikpapan, Borneo, two days ago, the Foreign Office disclosed today.

The British Ambassador in Djakarta will ask the Indonesian Government for information about the attack during which the 12,278-ton tanker San Playano caught fire and had to be abandoned.

The identity of the plane had not yet been established.

Flights by the state-owned Garuda Indonesian Airways and oil company planes to and from Palembang, the South Sumatran capital, were suspended indefinitely on army orders.

OIL FIELDS

A spokesman for the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company said he had received reports that troops had entered the company's fields at Sungai Gerong.

Meanwhile, Palembang radio announced that the South Sumatran military commander, Colonel Barlian, had gone "on leave" since yesterday.

The radio said that during Barlian's "leave", Colonel Harun Schar, his Chief-of-Staff, would be in command of all troops in South Sumatra.

Simultaneously, Indonesian Army chief, General Nasution,

issued a statement in Djakarta, accusing Barlian of having failed to take "firm measures" against his deputy chief-of-staff who is charged with involvement in anti-Central Government activities.

The deputy chief-of-staff, Major Nawawi who had been ordered to report to Nasution in Djakarta, had fled from Palembang, the South Sumatran capital, with 15 armed guards and was heading south in the direction of the oil centre of Prabumulih, the statement said.

Meanwhile, reports reaching Djakarta from Bandjermasin, capital of South Borneo, said illegal leaflets had been spread through the province, announcing "a new force would emerge in South Borneo soon" if the authorities failed to take firm measures against corruption.

FANATICS

Reports from Bandung, West Java, claimed unidentified vessels had been sighted off the south coast bringing arms for the fanatic Darul Islam gangs operating in the mountainous regions south of Bandung.

In Surabaya, air raid drills have been held for the first time since World War Two in the wake of air attacks by rebel planes on eastern Indonesian ports.—France-Press.

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RELAXATION

He hinted at coming relaxations in the administration's "credit squeeze" and the easing of other austerities imposed in the fight against inflation.

Conservative MPs left the function feeling that the change in Government policy foreshadowed by the Prime Minister would ultimately restore their popularity in the country.

Mr. Macmillan, according to reliable sources, went to great lengths to stress that the Party had no need to be downcast about its recent by-election reverses.—Reuter.

Baton Charge

Colombo, Apr. 30. Four persons were injured when police with batons charged a group of striking public servants, outside the General Post Office here today.—Reuter.

Cousins Rebuffed By Union Members

London, Apr. 30.

The leader of a London bus strike timed to begin at midnight on Sunday was rebuffed today by the Government and by most of his own rank and file as well.

The Union chief, Mr. Frank Cousins, had appealed to the Minister of Labour to intervene and try to settle the dispute with a new wage formula.

Today, however, Mr. John Macleod, the Minister, rejected the proposal, saying it would depart from the principle of adherence to arbitration awards.

UNDER FIRE

Shortly afterwards the Cousins' pay plan came under fire at a meeting of Union leaders representing 34,000 Central London busmen.

They rejected the plan and confirmed their decision to strike for a pay rise of ten shillings and six pence a week.

The Transport and General Workers' Union originally sought this increase for 50,000 busmen in the London area and the home countries.

The Industrial Court awarded an increase of eight shillings and sixpence a week to the 34,000 Central London busmen but nothing to those working outside the capital.

ALL-ROUND

The strike was called by Mr. Cousins, Secretary of the TGWU in support of a demand for an all-round eight shillings and sixpence rise.

Later Mr. Cousins suggested to Mr. Macleod that he use his "good offices" to win peace by suggesting a smaller all-round increase to the London Transport executive.

The Cousins' plan was for six shillings and six pence a week more for all 50,000 busmen—with a further wage review in the autumn.

But this idea did not please today's meeting of 70 delegates speaking for the Central London busmen.

Their attitude and that of the Minister of Labour made the strike appear a certainty tonight.—Reuter.

UK-Czech Group

London, Apr. 30.

An all-party British-Czechoslovak parliamentary group was formed tonight at the House of Commons, the first of its kind to be associated with a Communist country.

Twenty members of Parliament have already joined.—China Mail Special.

THE U-BOAT THAT FOUGHT FOR BRITAIN

A German submarine surrenders to a lone British aeroplane—the only U-boat to fall into our hands intact during the war. Its priceless secrets revealed, Churchill orders it to sea again—a ghost U-boat returning to the heart of the German wolf-pack—manned by British sailors.

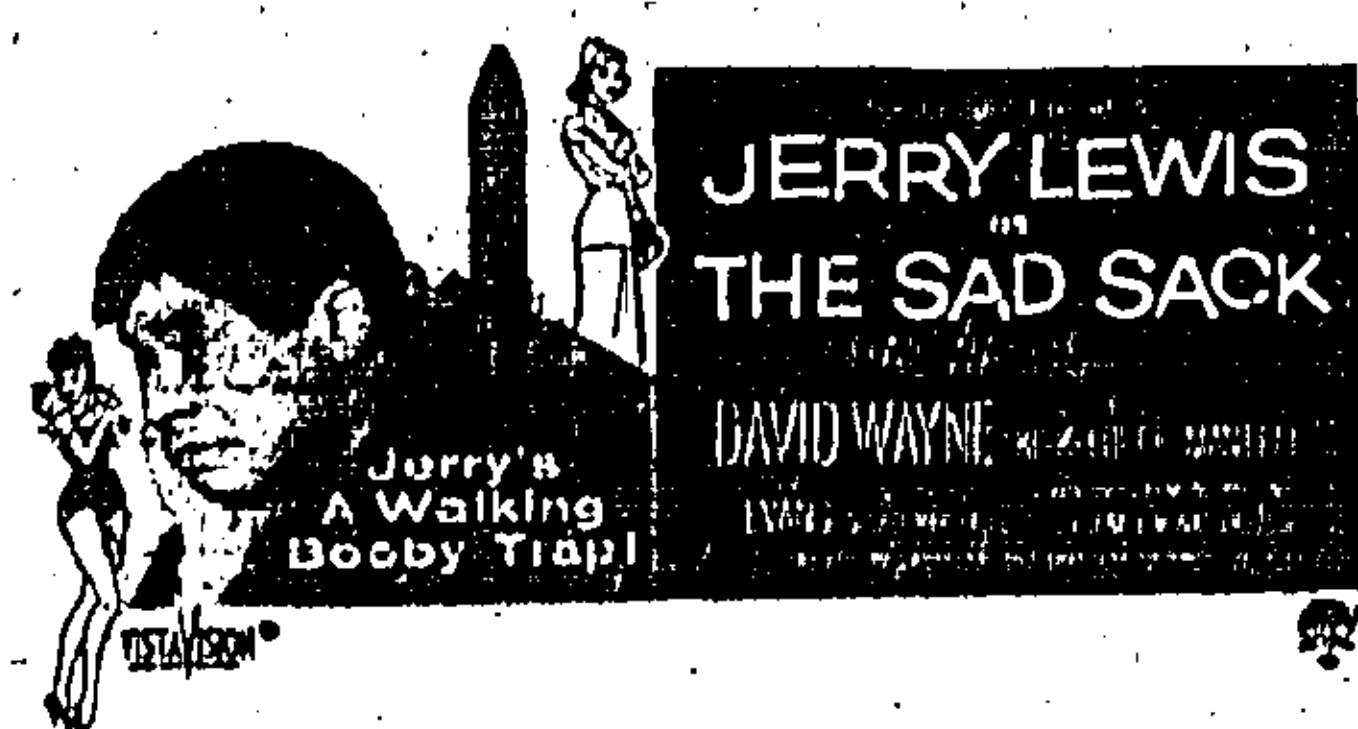
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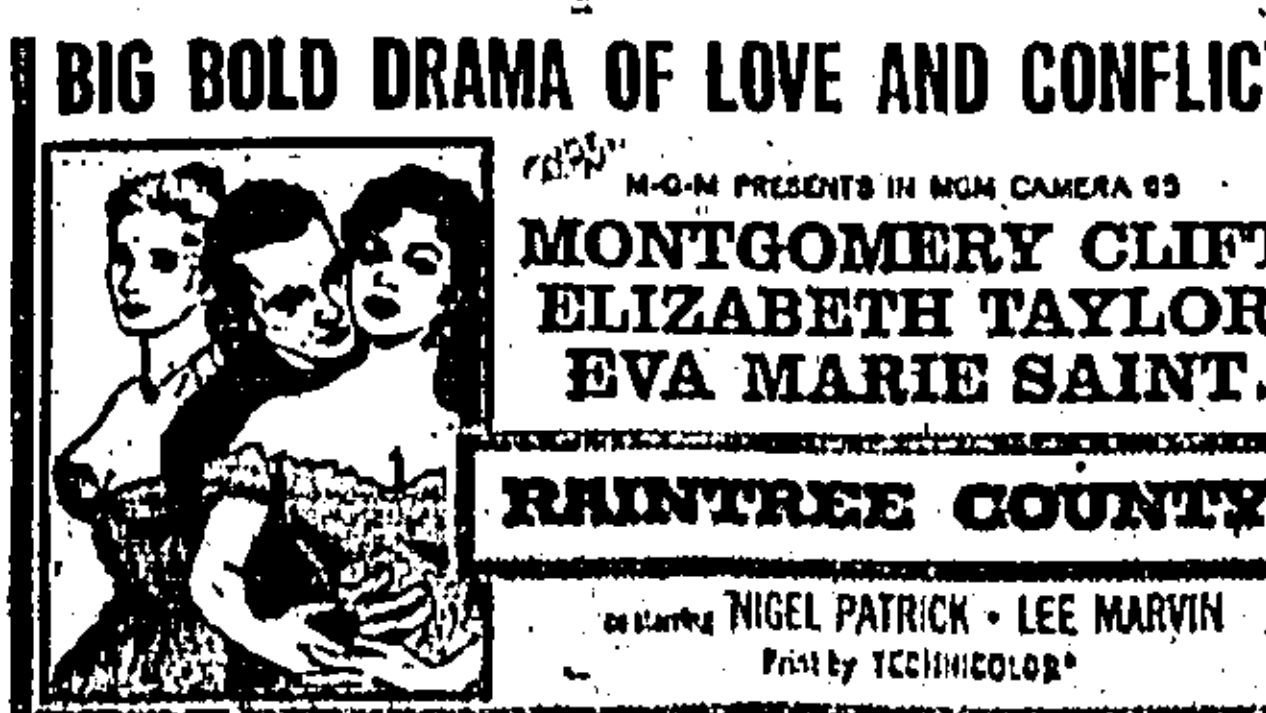


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ARMED REVOLT SMASHED

Troops Quell Terrorism In E. Colombia

Bogota, Colombia, Apr. 30.

The ruling military junta announced that it had smashed an attempted revolt early today by a group of "armed civilians".

The junta, which is scheduled to turn the government over to the winner of next Sunday's presidential elections, said an uprising was begun at 1.30 a.m. in Northern Santander Department. At the same time other "terrorists" threw several bombs in Bogota.

The Mayor of Sangil and the town's radio station in Santander were seized by the rebels, but their attempt failed when local police refused to join them. Army troops were rushed to the scene and all the revolutionaries taken into custody, the junta said.

The Army remains loyal to the government and the rebel movement has been completely thwarted, a junta communiqué added.

There were no casualties in Sangil or Bogota.

Elections

The attempted uprising came only a few hours after a special junta communiqué last night warned that the government was ready to "use all means at its disposal" to maintain peace and order for Sunday's elections.

Before that warning was issued, Army units searched Bogota looking for arms caches. Several persons were arrested. Rumours circulated that several Army garrisons had revolted in the country in anticipation of an expected attempt by former President Gustavo Rojas Pinilla to return.

KOREAN GI'S SKELETONS UNDER STUDY

Identification Methods

Washington, Apr. 30. The skeletons of 450 American soldiers killed in Korea have been studied in Japan by an anthropologist from the Smithsonian Institution, it was disclosed today.

Findings of the study should be of considerable value for future identification of unknown skeletons, both military and civilian, but is of chief significance for the light it throws on the irregularity of the aging process, according to Dr. T. Dale Stewart, Institution curator of physical anthropology.

The study showed that:

● Some persons age physically faster than others, but different bones of the same individual may age at different rates.

● On the whole, the skeleton aging process seems to progress with considerable regularity, so far as young men of military age are concerned. —United Press.

UK Aircraft Industry

London, Apr. 30. The British aircraft industry has earned more than £668,000,000 in overseas markets since World War Two, it was announced here today.

The export total of £36,328,552 for the first quarter of this year was higher than all annual totals up to and including 1950, the Society of British Aircraft Constructors said. The quarterly sales were 24 per cent higher than the previous record for January-March two years ago.

Best customers in March were India which bought £14,047,079 worth of planes and parts and Canada with £11,229,100. —Reuters.

Queen Should Be More Accessible



Miami, Apr. 30. Mr. David O. Clifton, newly-arrived British Consul here, was quoted in a newspaper interview as saying that Queen Elizabeth should be "more accessible".

Mr. Clifton, telephoned from New York, said: "I cannot comment on what I may have said at a private party."

Mr. Clifton was quoted by Mrs. Helen Wells, society editor of the Miami Herald, as saying that "Courts must go. The Queen must be more accessible and one of the people, not surrounded by one small set."

Mr. Clifton is a former newspaperman whose father was a court official during the reign of King George the Fifth, the present Queen's grandfather. —Reuters.

Margaret Sees Rodeo Display

Press Clash With Guyana Police

Georgetown, Apr. 30. At a community centre near here Princess Margaret today saw a rodeo-type display of horse-riding and rope-throwing by vaqueros (South American cowboys).

A special display included a float parade portraying the social, economic and political development of the country from the days of the native Indians.

The last official function on Princess Margaret's programme was a big reception attended by a cross-section of Guyanese life.

Nineteen photographers covering the Royal tour walked out today in protest against police handling of one of their colleagues when the Princess visited the community centre.

A British Police Chief Superintendent grabbed a New Zealand-born photographer, Mr. Brian Burke, representing a Paris photo agency, and removed his credentials. Then a Guyanese police constable hustled Mr. Burke away. —Reuters.

PROSTITUTES IN CALCUTTA PROTEST TO THE PRESS

Government Ban Goes Into Effect Today

More than 30,000 Calcutta prostitutes today called what may well be the first press conference ever given by members of the world's oldest profession, to protest the ban which officially putting them out of business all over India tomorrow at midnight.

The press conference came in the wake of a march on Parliament staged yesterday by thousands of prostitutes in New Delhi.

More than 500 women attended the press conference, called by the United Women's Organisation. The Organisation sprouted overnight and claimed to represent West Bengal State's 40,000 "outcasts of society."

Several of the girls told newsmen that they welcomed the "Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act of 1949" but resented the government's failure to arrange any substitute profession for them.

The new law kicks them out of their red-light districts by penalising owners of houses used as brothels.

At an estimated 200,000 prostitutes, procurers and members of their families claim they are doomed to swell the ranks of India's unemployed once the act becomes effective.

Some girls complained that police excesses were making their lives "miserable."

"Give us scope for good living or shoot us," they proclaimed. "But save us from the police and hunger," they pleaded.

Earlier, in New Delhi, groups of prostitutes promised today to meet members of Parliament separately to convince them that the government's ban putting

them out of business at midnight tomorrow is unjust and "utter foolishness."

Mrs. Rameshwari, a social worker and M.P. who is related to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, met with a delegation of the prostitutes today and assured them their grievances will be examined.

Yesterday, some 100 prostitutes marched on Parliament to protest against the ban.

A spokesman for the nation's estimated one million prostitutes told the United Press today that by suppressing the world's oldest profession, the "government was only encouraging the unemployment problem."

Today the ruling Congress Party newspaper Hindustan Times called prostitutes "unwanted women."

The newspaper said that more than legislation "persuasive efforts are necessary to curb the immoral traffic."

The government decided this week to put the prostitutes to "other tasks." It planned to open "rehabilitation" homes where the prostitutes will be taught domestic chores including needlework, gardening, spinning and weaving.

There will be also two prayer sessions daily. It is estimated there are at least 1,000 brothels in New Delhi alone. — United Press.

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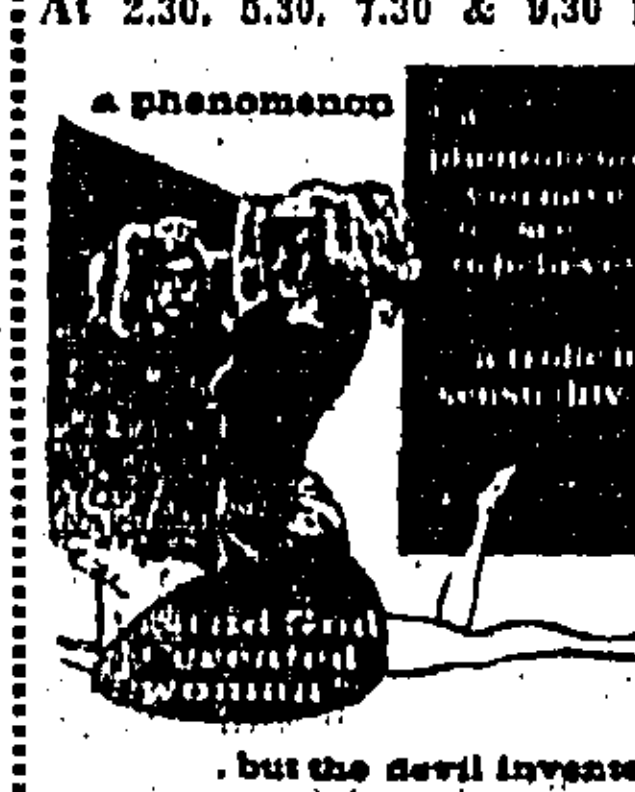


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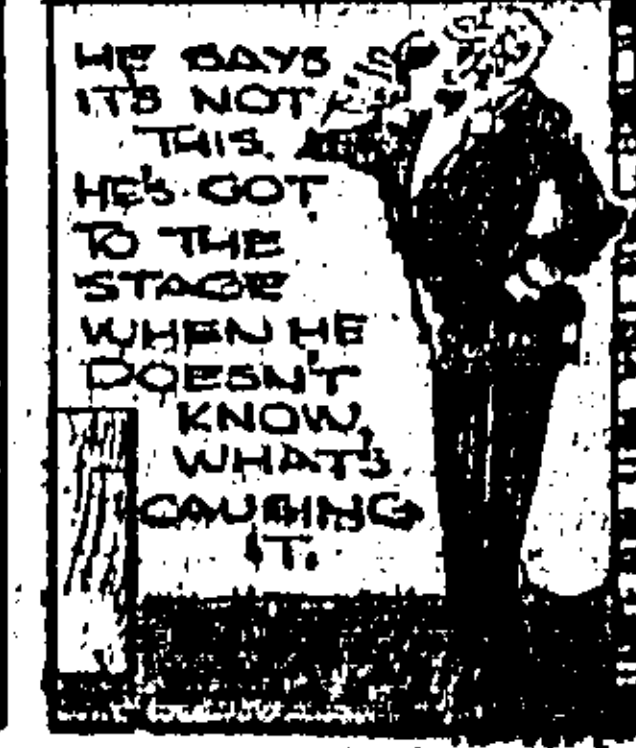
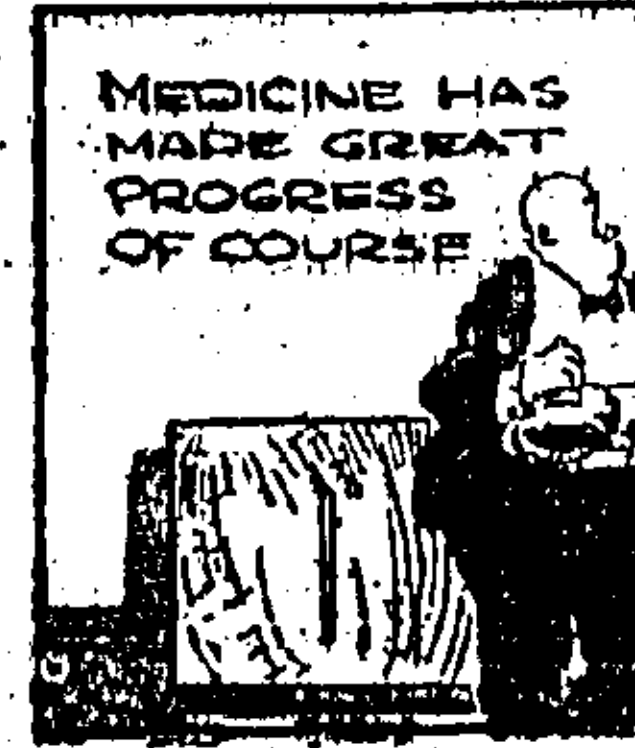
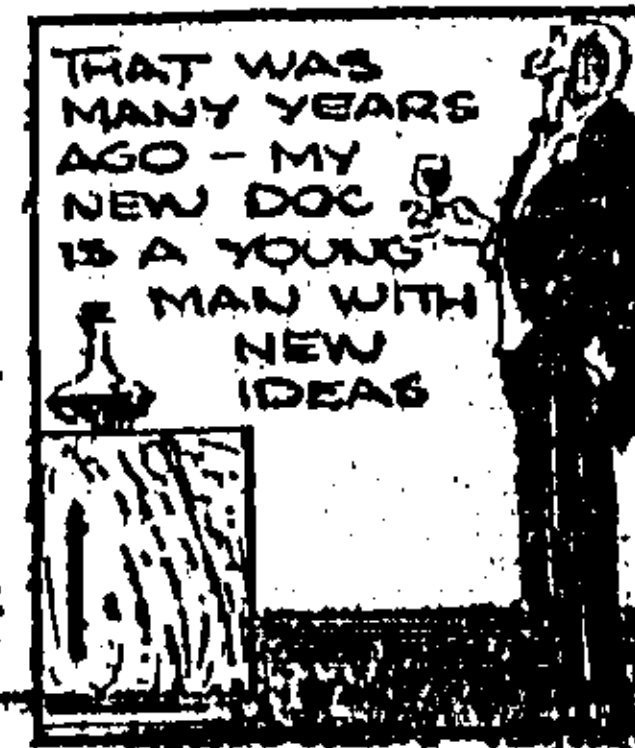
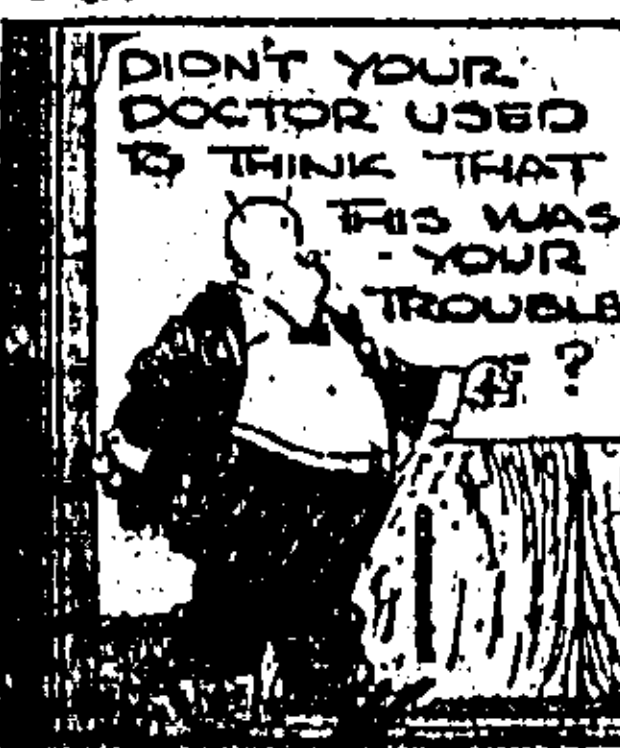
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CABLE BRIEFS

Memphis, Apr. 30. Eugene Cockrell, 24, used his wife's picture for target practice, then shot her to death, police reported yesterday.

Officers said Cockrell, a Negro from Mississippi, explained that he shot Mrs. Cockrell because he was "tired of arguing."

"There was a picture of my wife on the wall," Cockrell was quoted as saying, "I used it as a target, trying to hit her between the eyes. Then she walked in and I hit her in the head."—United Press.

Johnson, Apr. 30. Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison are having trouble deciding on a name for their baby daughter. They weren't expecting a girl. All their other 14 children are boys.—United Press.

London, Apr. 30. British police were confronted with a 20-year-old youth arrested during a street fight who wore skin-tight leather pants with black cuffs and a draped turtleneck sweater.

"It's fantastic," a police inspector said, "He says it's his best suit."—United Press.

London, Apr. 30. The Daily Express today printed a cartoon showing two fish chatting to each other.

One was asking: "Seen any American spatniks lately?"—United Press.

Chicago, Apr. 30. Deputy Police Chief James P. Mackey suspended three policemen yesterday.

One was suspended for taking it easy on the job. The other two were suspended for taking it easy while replacing the first man.—United Press.

Baton Rouge, Apr. 30. The main description of three prisoners who escaped from jail here yesterday was: blonde.

Officers said the three squeezed their way to freedom through a seven-by-twelve inch hole.—United Press.

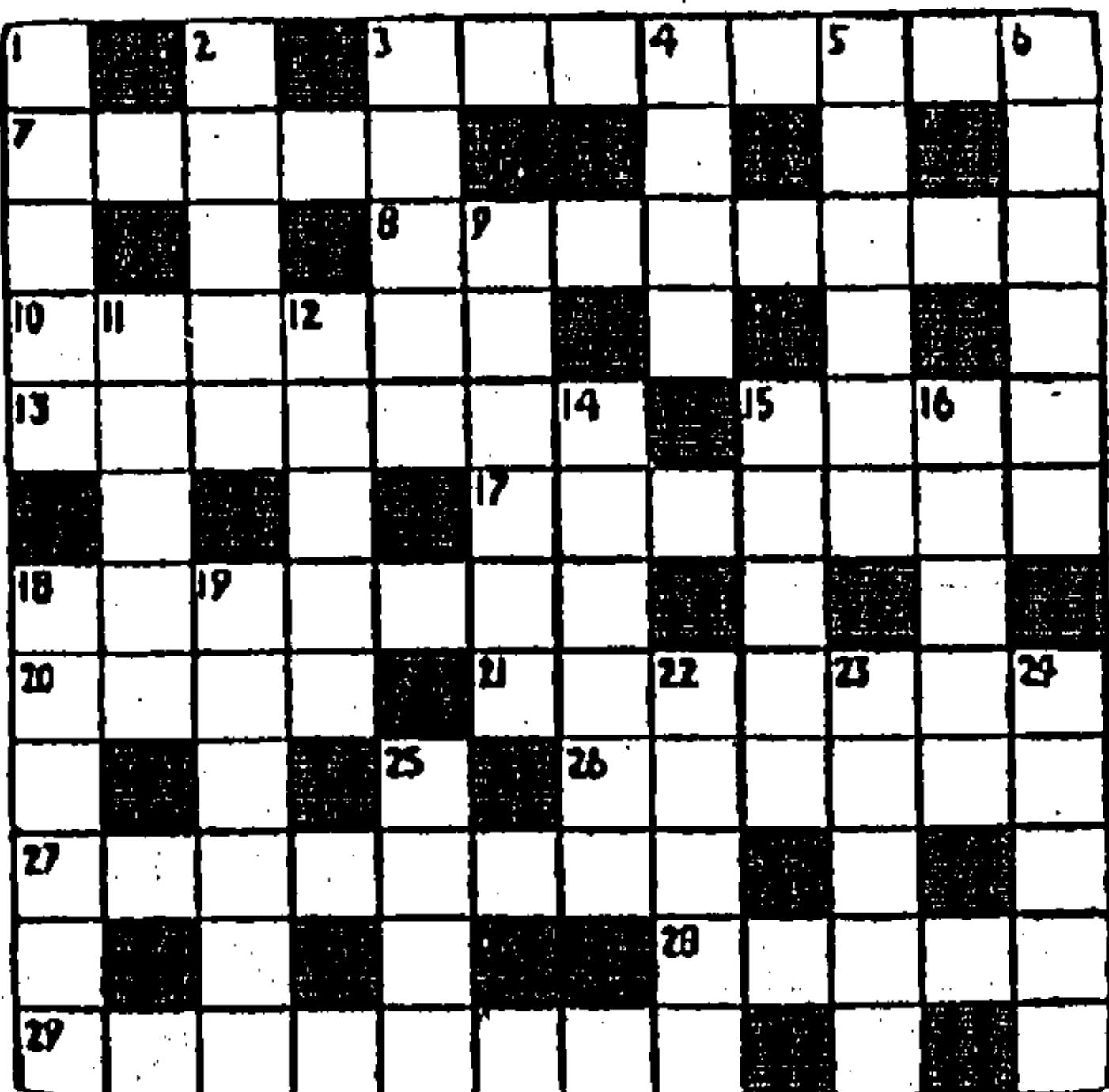
London 'Bobby' Uniforms For Moscow Police

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Moscow radio said Moscowites "eagerly eyed" the new blue uniforms, with their single-breasted jackets, long trousers, and pale blue shirts and ties.

The new uniforms, issued on the eve of tomorrow's May Day celebrations, replace military-style police wear since Stalin's Day.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Satan is his prince (8).
 - 7 Dog with gloves on? (5).
 - 8 He's a killer (6).
 - 10 Strike tent? (6).
 - 13 Get on at "57" (7).
 - 16 It's proverbially black (4).
 - 17 Cameron's love affair (7).
 - 18 Relative of the weasel (7).
 - 20 Looked at narrowly (4).
 - 21 Our version of "Inc." (7).
 - 22 Would-be ruler of the waves (8).
 - 27 He's all for discipline (8).
 - 28 Birds seen in bigger nests (5).
 - 29 One of willing disposition? (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Home (5).
 - 2 Precise (5).
 - 3 R.A.D. might well take part in it (5).
 - 4 Work on film (4).
 - 5 Important station (6).
 - 6 It governed ancient Rome (6).
 - 9 Spring's familiar pattern (6).
 - 11 Ambassador (5).
 - 12 Equipped a marine to start with (5).
 - 14 The pond isn't frozen, we observe (6).
 - 15 Material (5).
 - 16 Piece of music (5).
 - 18 Olive leaf (6).
 - 19 Aqueduct knowledge (5).
 - 22 A term for mother (5).
 - 23 Music hall star (5).
 - 24 May describe fog, fools or foliage (6).
 - 25 Month (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Campus, 5 Mural, 8 R.E.-dan, 9 Insane, 10 Telling, 11 Bull, 12 Cars, 13 Bared, 16 Decade, 18 Sea-dog, 20 Titan, 22 Leap, 23 Steps, 25 Carle, 26 Litter, 27 E-age-r, 28 Yearn, 29 Dogwood. Down: 1 Chitchat, 2 Mistrust, 3 Urn, 4 Seethed, 6 Mail-bag, 9 Unclad, 7 Annie, 14 Begleiter, 16 Displeased, 18 Dantean, 17 Coupled, 19 Easter, 21 Inane, 24 Siro.

Eisenhower On The Economic Decline In US

End Of Recession In Sight?

Business Expected To Improve In Summer Or Autumn

Washington, Apr. 30. President Eisenhower said today there is emphatic evidence that the economic decline is flattening out, but nothing to warrant a categorical conclusion that an upturn has started.

The President's news conference views on the recession were echoed by Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, who told the US Chamber of Commerce convention: "We're not out of the woods yet, but I believe we can look forward to resumption of increased activity in the not-too-distant future."

NAVY PLANE'S FIRST FLIGHT

Bedford, Apr. 30. The Blackburn N.A. 39, a supersonic Navy strike aircraft, today made its maiden flight hour.

Today's flight, which lasted 45 minutes, was described as satisfactory.

The N.A. 39 embodies novel aerodynamic features permitting high speeds at dangerously low levels and is capable of carrying an atomic weapon.—Reuter.

Arabs Arrested

Tel Aviv, Apr. 30. Twenty-six Arabs, including a number of Communist Party leaders, have been arrested by Israeli police following yesterday's clashes between police and demonstrators in Nazareth, the Tel Aviv press reported tonight.

Several police were wounded during the demonstrations.—France-Press.

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Broadway's "My Fair Lady" Is A Big Hit In London

London, Apr. 30. "My Fair Lady," the American hit show about Cockneys, burst on London at long last tonight and brought an audience packed with celebrities to its fast with enthusiasm.

Government ministers and ambassadors stood side by side with film stars, applauding the original Broadway cast through nine curtain calls.

Earlier the show had literally stopped London traffic around famed Drury Lane Theatre where it had its British first night.

Celebrity-viewing crowds outside Drury Lane Theatre were so thick that cars found it difficult to get through.

Ingrid Bergman almost had her dress ripped off by fans.

As a result of the traffic jam the curtain went up ten minutes late on this musical off-spring of the wedding of George Bernard Shaw and Broadway.

Yet for sometime it looked as if the most ballyhooed show ever to hit London might flop.

Applause was merely polite until the scene where Eliza Doolittle, the Cockney flower girl, at last masters the lady-like talk being forced into her by phonetics Professor Henry Higgins to the tune of the hit song "The Rain in Spain."

This, with the triumphant mock-Spanish dance performed by stars Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews warmed the audience up and from there on the show could do no wrong.

The authors of the musical play have more to be said for the now innocuous "Not a word likely," which Shaw wrote on a startled London in 1914. But it only raised some titters and few gasps from tonight's audience.

The bejewelled, evening-dressed crowds leaving the theatre discussed how Shaw would have liked "My Fair Lady." Chances are he would have been furious.

One newspaper has managed to dig out a letter by the playwright to a producer refusing permission in 1948 for a musical version of "Pygmalion."

He wrote: "I absolutely forbid any such outrage. If Pygmalion is not good enough for your friends with its own verbal music, their talent must be altogether extraordinary."

The critics are more reserved in their comments on the show than the reporters who describe the fabulous first night in the Thursday morning editions.

The reporters use such phrases as the "Most glamorous night in the theatre since the war" and "the most enthralling diamond-flashing premiere of the Century."

With a few exceptions, however, the critics qualify their remarks by saying that too much was probably expected of the production.—Reuter.

NUCLEAR WAR: PEOPLE OF ASIA WOULD INHERIT THE EARTH

"It Will Be The End Of Western Civilisation"

Sydney, Apr. 30. Nuclear war between the United States and Russia would hand over control of the world to Asian nations, physicist Professor Marcus Oliphant said today.

Bronze Age Relics

Tokyo, Apr. 30. Radio Pyongyang today reported the discovery in North Korea of a Bronze Age chisel and a mirror "with delicate patterns."

They were the first Bronze Age items found in the country, it said, although there have been discoveries of Stone Age implements.—United Press.

Townsend

Ferryfield, Apr. 30. Group Captain Peter Townsend left here by air today for London.

The Group Captain arrived here ten days ago bringing his two sons—Giles, 16, and Hugo, 12—back from a holiday in Europe.—Reuter.

CRIME BY YOUTHS RISES Alarm Voiced In The House Of Commons

London, Apr. 30. A big increase in the number of young men going to prison or to Borstal reformatory schools was causing the gravest anxiety, Lord Mancroft, Minister without portfolio, has told the House of Commons.

In 1956, the latest year for which official figures are available, he said, indictable crime by youths of 16 and 17 showed an increase of over 60 per cent compared with 1955.

In the 17 to 27 age group, males found guilty of indictable offences showed an increase of 10 per cent in 1956 over the previous year.

"They are the early arrivals in the post-war bulge in the birth rate," he said. "If this dreadful level of crime is carried forward into the full effects of the bulge, the situation in a few years will be appalling."

In July 1956 the Borstal population was 2,000. Today it was nearly 4,000 and might be expected to "flood far beyond 5,000 which might be an almost unmanageable figure."



Julie Andrews

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University Students

Raid USS Radford

Brisbane, Apr. 30. The US Navy sounded its "repel boarders" alarm last night when Brisbane University students snuck aboard the destroyer USS Radford and painted a huge sign proclaiming "Ban the Bomb."

Another force of students boarded the ship with flour "bombs" from an overhead bridge to cover the student "commandos" on their prank.

An emergency alarm brought American sailors on deck under arms to repel the invaders, but apparently all escaped.

The police questioned several youths but no arrests were made. The Radford is in Brisbane harbour on a routine visit.—United Press.

"WE CANNOT OBJECT"

Russian Satellites With Cameras: Row In Washington

Washington, Apr. 30. The Deputy Defence Secretary, Donald Quarles, said today that the Defence Department "would not object" to Soviet camera satellites taking pictures of the US.

Mr. Quarles told a House Committee studying space problems that reconnaissance satellites could not be considered improper "any more than someone with a spyglass on the moon looking at us."

Top military leaders had told the committee previously that it might be necessary to shoot down Soviet reconnaissance or other non-scientific satellites.

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Moscow Decked Out For The Big Day

Nasser Is Among May 1st Guests

Moscow, Apr. 30. Docked out with red flags and festive bunting, and with UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser on hand, Moscow prepared today to celebrate May Day, the International Worker's Holiday.

Moscow is decorated from top to bottom with a wealth of flags, bunting with slogans glorifying the Communist Party and the Soviet people as well as prominently displayed portraits of Soviet leaders.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's portrait is usually in the centre spot flanked by those of President of the Presidium Il'ia Vlasov, First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan, or F. R. Kozlov, First Deputy Premier, and Khrushchev's right hand man.

Ex-Premier and now director of the State Bank Nikolai Bulganin's portrait is a little further down the line.

Tomorrow's traditional parade in Red Square will not only be seen by hundreds of high Soviet officials but also by Nasser and his party.

Nasser will stand on top of the Lenin-Stalin Mausoleum with Khrushchev and other top members of the reviewing party.—United Press.

Veteran Dies

Atlantic Beach, Apr. 30. Maj.-Gen. Hanson E. Ely, 80, brilliant general of World War I, died here on Monday.

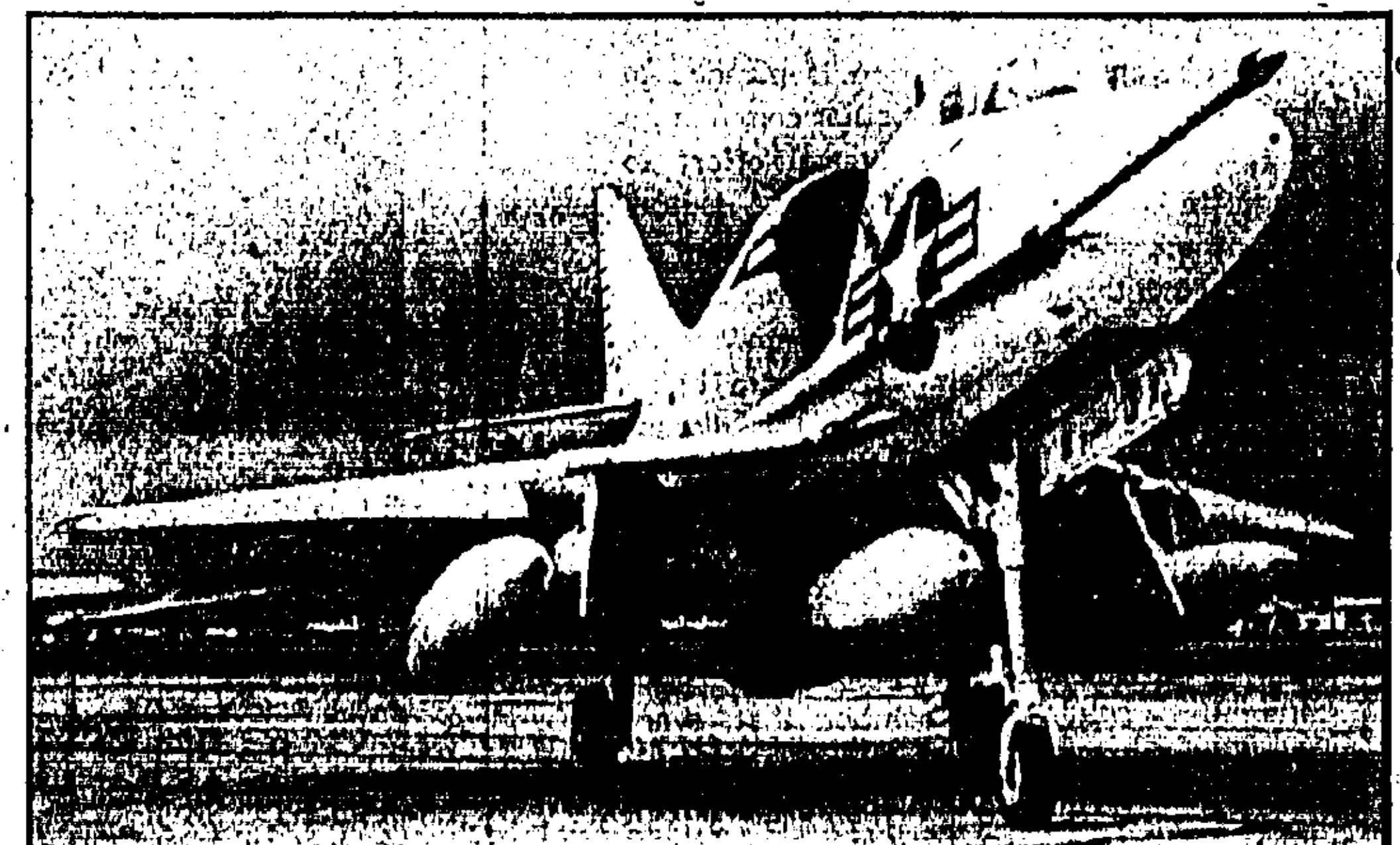
Ely was noted for his command of the 28th Infantry Regiment which he led in one of the foremost assaults of World War I, the Battle of Cantigny. He retired in 1931 and lived here for many years.—United Press.

Greek Royalty

Beirut, Apr. 30. King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece headed home aboard the cruiser Helle today after ending a state visit to Lebanon last night.

The Royal Couple spent four days in Lebanon.—United Press.

FAST-FIRING FIGHTER



THE United States Navy recently demonstrated its new pod-mounted weapon — a 20 mm. aircraft gun — capable of firing 4,000 rounds per minute.

The gun is known as the MK II and was shown to naval aviators and members of the crew at a Naval Auxiliary air display at El Centro, California.

The weapon is capable of firing in an external pod which is fitted to the bomb rack of carrier-based aircraft.

Its primary application is in air-to-ground attack, where its controlled variable rate of fire makes it extremely effective.

Ease of re-arming, replacement and maintenance are notable features which add to the practicability of the gun.

Photo shows: The Mark II 20 mm. aircraft gun in the Mark I pod attached to the bomb rack of a Douglas A4D-2 aircraft.—Keynote.

Ape Expert

Orange Park, Apr. 30. Dr. Henry W. Nissen, 57, noted psychologist and a leading authority on apes, died on Sunday.—United Press.

TROUBLE in the Horn of Africa

By HAROLD JAMES

I PREDICT trouble in the dusty villages and desert camps of Somalia's 3,000,000 nomadic tribesmen. Trouble with a tinge of red.

For the shadow of Egypt's Nasser lengthens over the arid wastes and threatens to engulf this three-country coastal strip flanking the Horn of Africa. And behind Nasser stands Russia.

The trouble stems from the unequal partition of this strategically placed country (Egypt's possession of it would give Nasser control of both ends of the Red Sea) among Britain (1,750,000 Somalis), Italy (1,250,000 Somalis), and France (50,000).

For the United Nations has promised the Italian Somalis, who already have a Prime Minister, a legislature and elections, that in 1960 they shall cast off Italian trusteeship and become an independent nation. This promise is fanning the fires of nationalism in British and French Somalilands, whose inhabitants feel strongly that the three parts of Somalia should be united and independent.

To understand the problem, something of the Somalis themselves and the history of their land must be known. For although, technically, the Somalis live in Africa, they belong to Arabia, from which their forebears trekked many centuries ago.

They are not Negroid in appearance, but tall, slim and thin-lipped, with finely moulded features. They are also devout Muslims.

Being nomads, they wander far and free, even into the low-lying parts of Southern Ethiopia and the broken country of Kenya's northern frontier. Egypt once claimed the whole Somali coast. But in the 1880's Britain signed treaties with the chiefs who put themselves under British protection, and in the subsequent scramble for Africa, Italy and France carved out sections of the tribal lands for themselves.

The Treaty

Some of the present difficulties date back to the haphazard way in which the early agreements were effected. At that time the hinterland was untraversed by Europeans. Boundaries were only vaguely defined.

In 1897, the frontier of the then known as the Haud was handed over to Ethiopia without the knowledge of the tribal leaders. But this strip was and is the territory which contains the well-regarded grazing grounds of the British Somalis.

For a time it did not matter, because Ethiopia never troubled to administer the Haud. But after the war Ethiopia demanded full sovereignty over it.



Although the work of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is planned to meet the needs of this particular community, it is also part of the universal effort to eradicate tuberculosis. Scientists, doctors and others specialising in the treatment of tuberculosis throughout the world have made great discoveries during the last few years and the fruits of their labours are being made available to sufferers of this disease here in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

The future development and extension of the work of the Association depends very largely upon the Annual Appeal for funds and it is good to remember that every donation represents an investment in health protection for our children and for ourselves.

Cheques should be crossed and addressed:

The Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association
and forwarded either to
c/o Lowe, Dingham & Matthews,
Alexandra House,
or sent c/o South China Morning Post, Ltd.

It may be argued that Egyptian-Russians are welcome to these sandy wastes. But with a Nasser-Khrushchev combination at both ends of the Red Sea threatening the Yemen to "have a go" at Aden and threatening the flank of the Persian Gulf, Britain's whole position in the Middle East would be undermined.

From a Somalia dominated by Egypt, anti-British propaganda would move southwards—towards Kenya, Uganda and the sources of the Nile.

Somalia may be a gigantic barren wasteland—but in hostile hands it has a real nuisance value.

What to do?

What can Britain do about it? It can welcome the birth of an independent Somalia, encourage British Somaliland to join it, and promise financial help to a Somali nation trying to stand on its own feet. And, not least, it can ask others to share the burden.

The United States is more remotely interested. Italy has historical and sentimental associations with Somalia. So has France.

But whatever is done should be done quickly. For although Italy is not due to move out of Italian Somaliland for another two years, she may well decide to withdraw before then. She has been to gain by hanging on all the end.

Up to the present, the British Government has shown no signs of realising the urgency of the matter. But now back-bench M.P.s on both sides of the House of Commons may begin to press it into action. Two members, Bernard Braine for the Tories and Austin Albu for Labour, have just returned from the Horn of Africa. Before long, Whitehall is likely to hear from them.

Sandy Wastes

Already Somali students are offered scholarships to Egyptian universities. Egyptians teach in Italian territory. Arabic literature floods the bazaars, and daily almost hourly, Cairo radio blares out propaganda against Britain, in particular, and "unbelievers" in general. Nationalism and religion together are used to poison men's minds against the West.

"Greater Somalia"

Even today both British and Italian Governments heavily subsidise the annual budgets of their respective territories. Unless Somalia is to relapse into a slum, some nation, or nations, must come to her assistance in 1960.

Nevertheless, despite the breakers ahead, the British Somalis will certainly press to join their brothers in Italian Somaliland when the day of independence dawns, for there is gradually growing among the whole scattered Somali race a sense of nationalism.

The British Government is believed not to oppose the idea of a United Somalia. Indeed, a "Greater Somalia" under some form of international protection was the solution which Ernest Bevin advocated in 1945. It was Russia who torpedoed it.

But and here is the big question—if a United Somalia emerges as a fact, Britain then gains to give up its interests in the Horn of Africa?

At first sight, it would seem to be. In Britain's interest, clear out. For British Somaliland has a drain on British resources. It costs Britain £500,000 a year in grants for recurrent expenses, as well as nearly £2,000,000 in Colonial Development and welfare money. A subsidy to a United Somalia would probably cost

A 21-YEAR-OLD telephonist sits in Holloway Gaol, and maybe she dreams of a dimple, a tantalising smile and a voice like melted marzipan, the million-dollar props of Liberace.

The telephonist, Pat Jenkins, president of the 5,000-strong Liberace Fan Club, was gaoled for three months for stealing £5 from her landlady.

£5 to buy high-heeled shoes to wear at a ten-party with Liberace at a smart London hotel.

The case of this London girl puts a sharp spotlight on the world's millions of teenage fans, the kids whose mass worship of their idols is now an acknowledged part of show business. They cut out pictures, collect records, squeal from theatre galleries, suit in the rain at stage-door, wait, wait, always waiting. The fan pursues a dream as substantial as her own shadow. If she's lucky, she gets a quick glimpse of The Idol as police escort him to his car. Or a handkerchief... or an autograph.

Pat Jenkins got Liberace to sign her album. Out of her £5 weekly wage she saved up to spend £20 on Trans-Atlantic calls to Hollywood. In her room at Kensal Rise, London, lie a fluffy toy kitten and a black bow tie—gifts from Liberace.

Sad relics, very much in the mind today of a young girl in an old Gaol.

Consider the fan... because she (they're usually girls) might be YOUR daughter. It costs her little enough to belong

Fan-manship

The star enjoys and accepts this unthinking adoration. It would be professional suicide if he turned away from the teenagers who supply his bread and butter.

The fan is always right. Even if she's puzzling at times. She pleads for locks of hair, matchboxes, cigarette-ends, old socks. She will wait without food outside a theatre all day for a shy prep at the Master. She will paper her bedroom with HIS pictures.

Johnnie Ray was once "de-bugged" by a horde of girls in Sydney. Frank Sinatra used to wear detachable bow ties to prevent souvenir-grabbing fans from throttling him.

Debbie Reynolds was so scared when fans converged on her and husband Eddie Fisher at the London Palladium, that she was reported to have shouted: "GO AWAY, YOU CHIMPANZEES!"

Fans are steadfast creatures. Says a psychiatrist: "They search for the mass boy-friend, abandoning their own individuality to obtain primitive satisfaction with the herd."

MILLION OF TEENAGERS — AND THE MEN THEY WORSHIP

FAN-FAN in gaol

By GARETH BOWEN

"Fan-worship" is a form of mass hypnotism, the mind-expert adds. "And it's not fair to say that only the less well-educated child is prone to it. You can see it at concerts when young university students scream with delight at the end of a symphony."

"The rock-'n'-roller with a guitar... the great conductor with a baton... they both become the mass boy-friend. And I consider that this isn't healthy. The cure? Parents should develop their children's own individuality by remembering their own, and not just sitting down to television every night."

"These girls could be doing much worse," say many parents. A more useful argument might be: "They could be doing so much better."

Fan Boom

But Big Business welcomes the fan. The fan has "boosted" the record industry to fantastic heights.

Show business today is based on the "gimmick" and the microphone. "It's just one stunt after another," a fan-club organiser told me frankly. "These 'spontaneous' welcomes are organised down to the last squeal."

Busy in the background are the "publicists." In their sophisticated, quick-thinking way, they are the savants of show business. They are supplying what the fans want.

Even without professional publicists, the fans follow their

devoted way. The 350 members of London's 88 Club (why "88"?—think of the 88 keys on that piano) eat, sleep and dream their beloved Liberace. Many of them have booked 18s. 6d. front stall seats for every performance of his season at the London Palladium. Organiser Mrs Bee Dexter says she herself has spent at least £15 on seats.

"But, my wasn't it worth it! He's a lovely man... always doing his best for everybody. I managed to hold his hand for a second at the Savoy Hotel reception. I didn't swoon."

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"The 88 Club is mainly 'Mums and young marrieds.' But men are members, too. They are led by Mrs Dexter's husband, Al. 'He's terribly keen,' said Mrs Dexter. 'I suspect that he and the other men wish they looked like Liberace, with his lovely crinkly hair and dimples (especially the dimples).'"

Many girl members of the 88 Club sleep with Liberace's picture under their pillow. As keen as any young woman is a 65-year-old. Of Lee Liberace she says: "Darling Lee makes me feel so happy."

Why do they go to such extremes? In a cell today a young London telephonist may be looking inside herself and asking that very same question.

Whitaker Wright, the man at the centre of one of the biggest Stock Exchange crashes, heard a judge sentence him to seven years... calmly he walked into a waiting-room...

THE FINANCIER PREFERRED DEATH TO JAIL...

LONDON DRAMAS

by ALEXANDER THOMSON

THIRTEEN times the hammer echoed through the Stock Exchange.

The traditional signal that failures were about to be announced brought trading to a standstill.

It was December 29, 1900, and 13 firms had gone bust. Over the next three days, the hammer rang out seven times more.

Another seven firms had failed in the great drama of Whitaker Wright, the City financier whose crash ended in a suicide in London's Law Courts three years later.

In the upheaval, companies with capitals of £10 million were swept into this melting pot of failure.

Today Throgmorton Street is still much the same as it was all those years ago.

It is a narrow gas-lit thoroughfare with the Stock Exchange along one side and dirty offices down the other.

To many it is still the street of might-have-beens. The street that might have been paved with gold.

But to Whitaker Wright, from Macclesfield, Cheshire, it seemed the gold was there for the asking.

Already, during a few years stay in America, he had made

two fortunes as a mining engineer and financier. The first while he was still a very young man. The second before he was 30.

And walking up this narrow street one day in 1894, he decided he could easily strike it rich again.

He had just formed a new concern which he called the West Australian Exploration and Finance Co.

It was not long before his hopes seemed fully justified. The £1 shares of his company were selling for £120 a time.

Its big profits on flotations and large-scale speculations had caught the fancy of stock market gamblers.

The following year Whitaker Wright set up a second company, the London and Globe Corporation, whose shares also bounded ahead.

Bear-baiter

Two years later he merged them on terms that brought their £10,000 of Deferred shares £700,000 of shares in the new company.

And Whitaker Wright, aged 51, had achieved his third fortune.

Money-making seemed all too easy. He had evolved a technique which he thought could hardly go wrong.

By steadily buying his company would run up the price of the shares of one of its mining flotations to unjustified levels.

Other Stock Exchange gamblers would start to sell, as "bears," shares they did not own or the view that the price was bound to fall.

Whitaker Wright would toy with them as a cat plays with a mouse.

He would wait until, perhaps, they had sold more shares than were held outside his group.

Then he would move in and force the "bears" to start buying at exorbitant prices in order to deliver the shares they had sold.

And the only sellers who could provide shares in sufficient quantities were Whitaker Wright and his companies.

In one operation, shares were forced as high as £25 only to fall back to 10s. afterwards.

And it was such a disaster that brought Whitaker Wright tumbling down—and 20 Stock Exchange firms with him—in December 1900.

He had tried his technique of financial "bear baiting" once too often.

In a series of battles in the shares of a mining company



He started to light a cigar.

named Lake View the "bears" won, and he lost heavily.

His losses

The shares nose-dived from £25 to £3, and in the subsequent recovery got back to only £14.

The blow fell at a time when Wright's companies were also tied up in other deals, and in financing the Baker Street and Waterloo tube.

To prevent serious trouble on the Stock Exchange, a City syndicate helped Whitaker Wright meet his losses on Lake View shares in the mid-December Account.

But as soon as this difficulty had been overcome, he started buying Lake View shares again.

He hoped to snatch victory out of defeat by forcing the price to £25 and squeezing the "bears" all the way up.

For a moment, it seemed as if he might succeed. On December 27, the shares were a strong market at £15 17s. 6d. But the next day, it began to be whispered that Whitaker Wright was in a bad way.

That night, in a frenzied "street" market outside the Stock Exchange, the shares fell to £7 15s. The crash had come.

The City of London—and indeed the whole of London—was rocked by the news. Ruin faced a lot of people.

Whitaker Wright, however, was in a fighting mood. He said the syndicate had let him down. A great lawsuit followed.

Twenty-three counsel, including 10 KCs, appeared for the two sides. Mr Asquith and Mr Rufus Isaacs (later Lord Reading) were among them.

The syndicate, Wright said, had not only agreed to lend him £400,000 to meet his December Account on the Stock Exchange, but had promised a further £1,000,000 as well.

Extradition

The case was the talk of the town. The syndicate denied that it had promised this additional help. After an eight-day hearing, it won.

Here the drama of Whitaker Wright began to take a more sinister turn.

Inevitably, the hearing of this lawsuit brought to light unsuspected facts about the conduct of his companies.

Mr Waters, an accountant, had said that at the end of September he had prepared a rough balance sheet for Whitaker Wright's main company.

It had shown a loss of £100,000. Yet when the balance-sheet was published in December, it had announced a profit of £463,000.

So other questions began to be asked. An inquiry was started.

Suddenly, in February 1903, Whitaker Wright left for Paris. The following month, he hurried off to the U.S.A., only to be arrested on arrival in New York.

Once more London was on tiptoe as extradition proceedings were started, which Whitaker Wright fought right up to the American Supreme Court.

But he was brought back to England and put on trial in London on January 11, 1904.

He was charged with making, circulating and publishing certain false statements about his companies, and with making false entries in their books.

Mr Rufus Isaacs led the prosecution and unfolded a tale of financial jugglery that amazed the business world.

The trial lasted 12 days, and after an absence of 60 minutes the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence of seven years' penal servitude was passed.

But there was still one more scene to be played.

Calmly, Whitaker Wright moved to the front of the dock and addressed the court as if it were a shareholders' meeting, saying:

"All I can say is that I am innocent of any intention to deceive anyone."

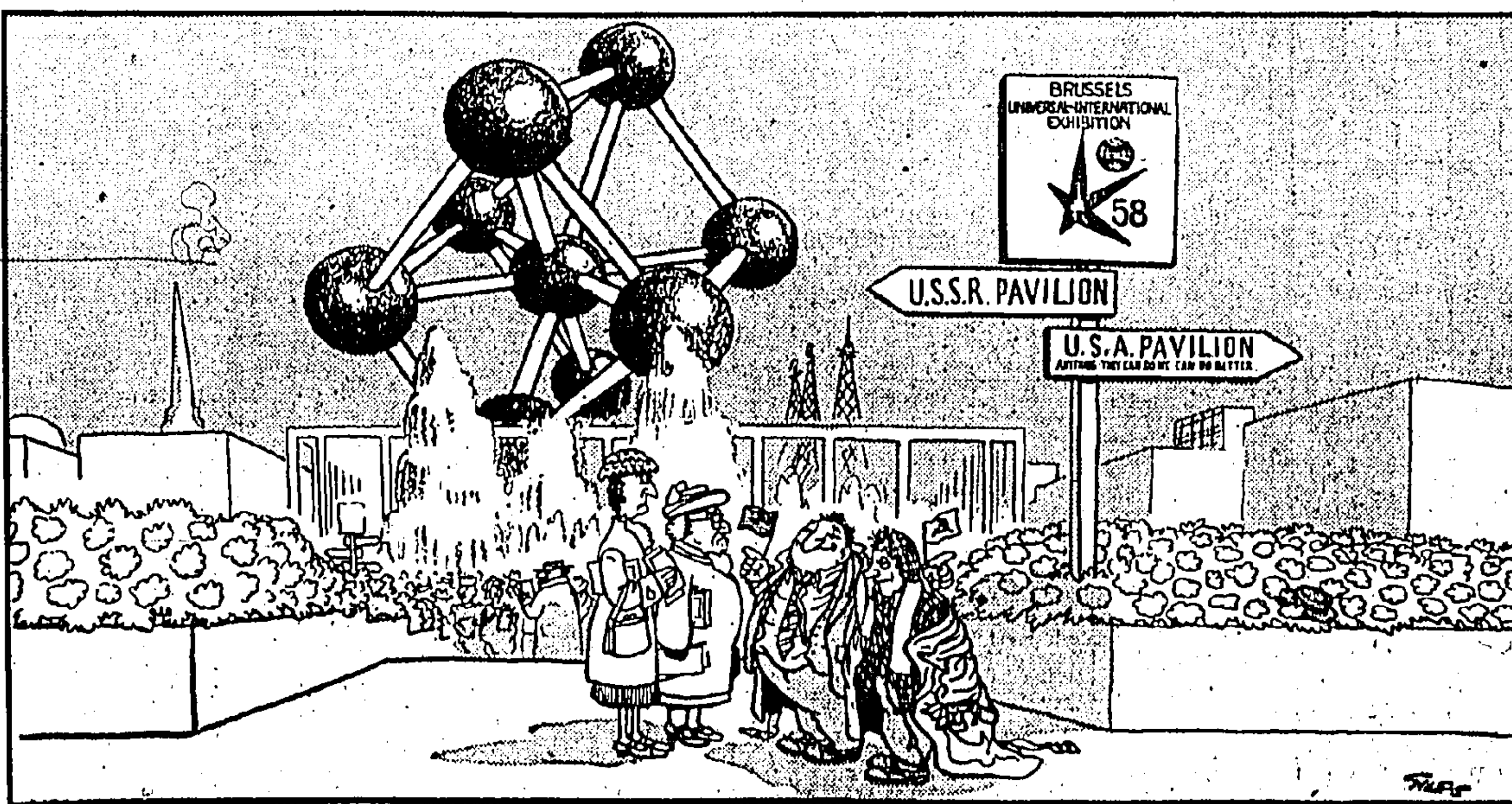
He turned and walked out to a near-by waiting-room with a show of complete unconcern.

Friends and legal advisers gathered round and began discussing an appeal. Whitaker Wright, still untroubled, asked for a glass of water. Then for a cigar.

He started to light the cigar, and dropped to the floor. Thirty minutes later he was dead.

A tablet of cyanide of potassium had finally rung down the curtain on the drama of Whitaker Wright.

(London Express Service).



"Well, the Russians gave us a vodka, so the Americans gave us two rye whiskies, so the Russians gave us four vodkas, so the Americans gave us six rye whiskies, so the Russians gave us eight vodkas, so the..."

A RUGBY CLOSED SHOP IN THE COMMONWEALTH?

Only Welcome Outsider Seems To Be France

Says DEREK JOHN

London.

I have always understood that one of the basic merits of a truly amateur sport is that it allows the player to play when and where he likes, provided he does so for pleasure and not for profit. I was wrong. This is not even the case in Rugby Union Football, that so-called "game for the players," where the rules on amateurism are as rigid as a stalactite.

Take, for example, the case of the keen rugby types of Cardiff, Swansea and Llanelli. They planned tours of Rumania, Italy, and Czechoslovakia, respectively, this summer. They were going strictly for the fun of it.

Forbidden Zone

But the Welsh Rugby Union was unimpressed by their enthusiasm. They promptly banned the tours because they would take players to "the Northern Hemisphere," a new forbidden zone.

Welsh rugby officials believe that clubs are already playing too much rugby without taking on out-of-season fixtures, and that many players do not realise that too much rugby is bad for them. But that's not the main reason for the ban, since there has been no objection to twelve Welshmen joining the Easter tour party to tour South Africa next month.

The truth is that many leading officials in British Rugby want a kind of rugby closed shop in the Commonwealth, with France as the one outsider admitted.

Many Factors

Many factors have led to their anti-Continental attitude. One has been the habit of Iron Curtain countries treating visiting British clubs as national sides and fielding national sides against them in the guise of club fixtures. There have also been reports of rough play and bad sportsmanship in Rugby football behind the Iron Curtain. And Continental countries are often criticised in Britain for their

interpretation of the laws of the game. But I believe the Rugby Union die-hards will be making a big mistake if they maintain their "export" restrictions. Rugby continues to thrive on the Continent, and the International Rugby Board should make a positive contribution to its development. Otherwise, they should not be surprised if the Continental game is not played in quite the spirit and method they would like to see.

Highest Bid Ever

A group of Americans are offering £715,000 for the Italian wonder horse Ribot—the highest bid ever made for a racehorse. If they cannot buy him from his Italian owners, they want to rent him and take him to America, for a stud fee of £5,750 each time he is mated. Ribot, who ran 10 times unbeaten, won more than £90,000 in prize money. He is at present at stud in Milan.

Another famous horse, Colonel Harry Lewellyn's Foxhunter, has entered his 18th year this month. The show-ring partnership was dissolved two years ago, with an Olympic gold medal among its trophies.

Foxhunter should have many more years of retirement before him. A horse's age frequently reaches 35 to 40, and occasionally even 50.

Incredible Record

He won 51 international soccer caps for Wales. He played in 1,500 first-class matches. He scored 470 goals. This is the record of Billy Meredith, the Stanley Matthews of the turn of the century, who died this month at the age of 81. It is a record that may never be equalled.

Outside - right, Meredith—known as "The Welsh Wizard"—played for Manchester City and Manchester United, and earned FA Cup winner's medals with both clubs.

Handsome and moustached, he had a glimmer of genius before the word was ever coined. He always played with a toothpick dangling from the side of his mouth.

He joined Manchester City as a 30-shilling-a-week man. Once he played in three international matches in one week and received only £3 for his pains. If he had been born 50 years later his dazzling soccer skill would have made him a fortune.

Fans have argued for years over whether Matthews or Meredith was the greater outside-right. We shall never know. But one thing is certain:

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail, My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

IN A CORNER



American heavyweight Willie Pastrano (right) gets former Empire Champion Joe Bygraves, of Birkenhead, into a corner during their 10-round fight at the Granby Halls, Leicester, on April 22. Pastrano, ranked the world's fourth heavyweight, won on points.—Reuterphoto.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Mixed "A" Division: HKCC v KCC; CRC v SCAC.
Men's "D" Division: CCC v CRC; CRC "1" v LRC; Stanley v HKCCSA "1"; HKCCSA "2" v PRC; PRC v KTGCA; CRC "3" v YSRC.

CEYLON BEATEN 9-1 AT PEKING

Peking, Apr. 30. The Ceylon soccer team suffered their fourth successive defeat on their tour of China when beaten by nine goals to one by the Peking Locomotive side today.—Reuter.

Argentina Beats Uruguay 2-0

Buenos Aires, Apr. 30. Argentina beat Uruguay by two goals to nil in a soccer international here today. Both goals were scored in the second half.—Reuter.

Peter Richardson Hits Century Against New Zealand

Worcester, Apr. 30.

Peter Richardson, 25-year-old Worcestershire captain and England opening batsman, hit the season's first century against the New Zealand cricketers, who began their tour today with a three-day match against the county here. The stylish left-hander helped to put Worcestershire in a commanding position. After declaring at 345 for seven wickets, the county snatched two New Zealand wickets for only 19 runs before the close.

Two seasons ago Richardson was the first to hit a hundred off the touring Australians. Today he showed remarkably good form for April by facing to 104 in 105 minutes.

Conditions were ideal for batting. The weather was hot and sunny and the winter floods which covered the ground to a depth of seven feet had left the pitch in a placid state.

Richardson and his opening partner, Don Kenyon, both in sparkling form and aggressive mood, put on 100 in as many minutes before Kenyon fell to a good catch at first slip. Kenyon hit five fours in his 43.

Richardson continued his brilliant display after lunch, taken at 111 for one, and the left-hander completed his century, made out of 163, in only two hours 35 minutes, helped by 17 boundaries.

But when 104 he mistimed lanky Tony MacGibbon and gave John Reid, the New Zealand captain, his second catch. He had batted two and three quarter hours.

The New Zealanders never gave up attacking the stumps and were rewarded by the wickets of Horton and Dick Richardson before tea.

New Zealand's batting breakdown began when their opening pair were separated through a

mix-up which resulted in a runout. So the New Zealanders, who have six weeks to go before the first Test, should not be too despondent over the outcome of their first day's work here.

Good Bowling

Two of their bowlers, John Hayes (fast) and Henry Cave (medium pace), performed extremely well on a pitch which gave no help.

The others need more time to settle down to English conditions. The fielding generally was keen and Eric Peirce was a capable wicketkeeper.

Of Worcestershire's batsmen, Peter Richardson and Don Kenyon were both at their best, putting on 100 for the first wicket in as many minutes.

Kenyon made a useful 43. Richardson's splendid knock included 17 boundaries. No sooner had he gone than his younger brother, Dick, carried on in the same vein to 42.

The Scoreboard

WORCESTERSHIRE
D. Kenyon, c. Reid & Cave 43
P. Richardson, c. Reid b. MacGibbon 104
M. Horton, c. Peirce b. Cave 38
D. Richardson, b. Moir 42
R. Broadbent, c. Reid b. MacGibbon 19

Cave 65
G. Dews, c. Meale b. Reid 35
R. Booth, b. Reid 1
R. Jenkins, not out 1
D. Penton, not out 0
Extras 18

Total (for 7 wickets decl.) 345
Bowling:
Hayes 18-4-45-0; MacGibbon 17-4-63-1; Cave 33-14-60-3; Reid 14-2-52-2; Moir 26-0-107-1.

NEW ZEALAND

1st Innings

L. Miller, run out 8
T. Meale, c. Broadbent 7
B. Pearson 7
N. Hardford, not out 0
B. Sutcliffe, not out 0
Extras 4

Total (for 2 wickets) 15
—Reuter.

HOME RUGGER RESULTS

London, Apr. 30. Results in tonight's Rugby Union and League matches were:

Rugby Union
Cardiff 8, Pontypool 14.
Leath 25, Penarth 15.
Torquay Athletic 12, United Hospitals 11.

Rugby League
Featherstone Rovers 38, Bradford Northern 23.
Warrington 61, Rochdale Hornets 10.—Reuter.

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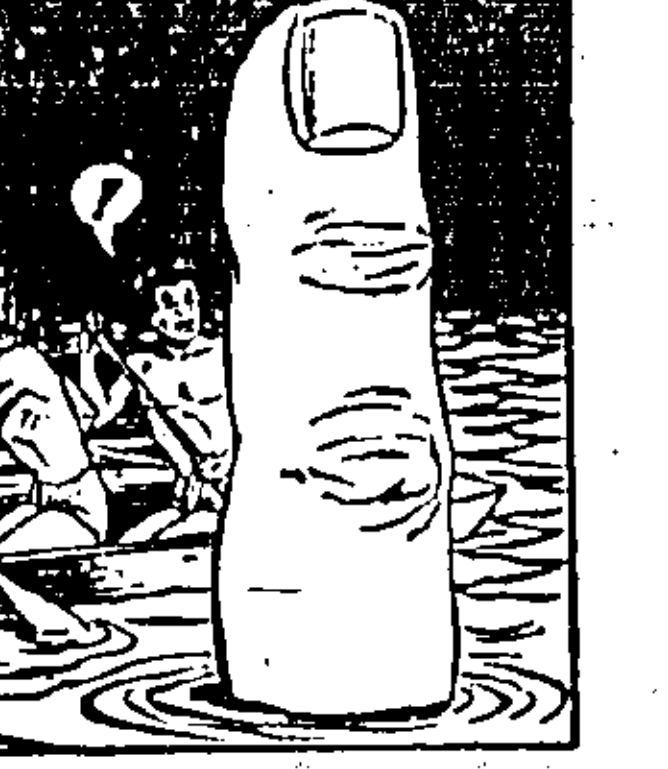
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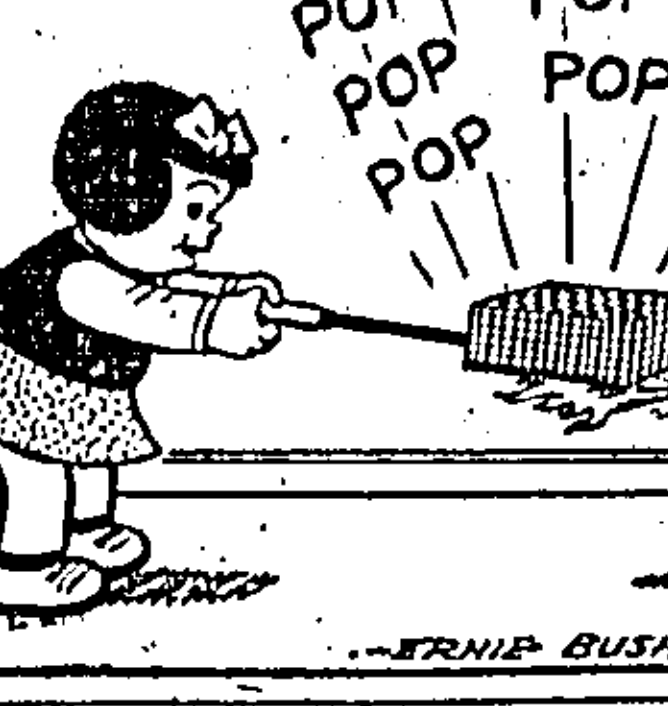
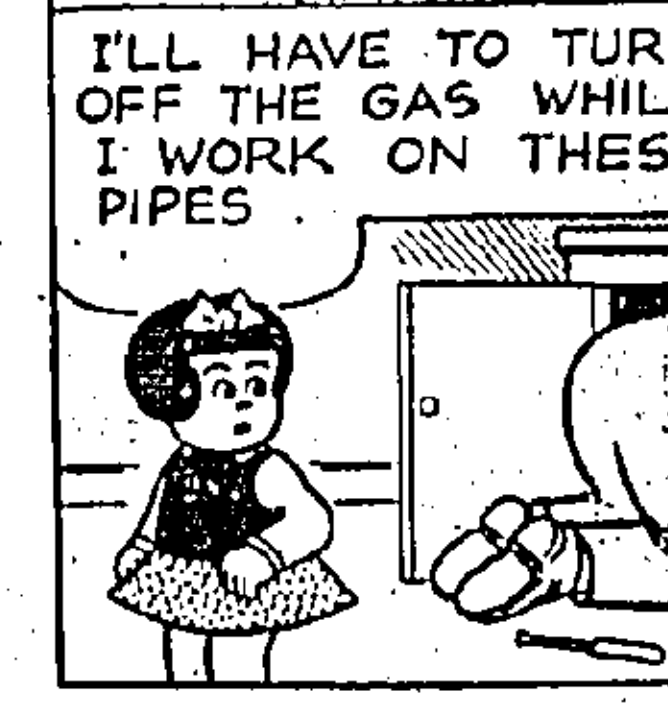
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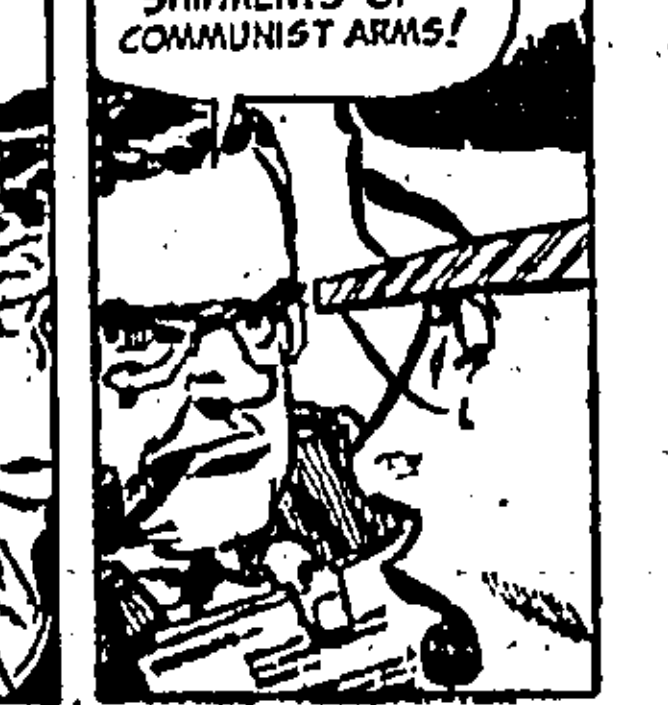
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EGYPTIAN US FUNDS UNBLOCKED

Washington, Apr. 30. The United States today unblocked \$26,000,000 in Egyptian dollar assets and \$44,000,000 in funds of the old Suez Canal Company.

The blocked Egyptian funds had been estimated hitherto at \$30,000,000 but after the release announcement the more precise figure of \$20,000,000 was made public for the first time.

It was also disclosed that when frozen on July 31, 1956, the Egyptian assets totalled \$43,000,000 and \$10,000,000 of that was released bit by bit during the past 21 months.

Most of it went to US creditors who had sold goods or services to Egypt before the freeze went into effect.

AGREEMENT

The release was announced by the Treasury. The State Department spokesman, Lincoln White, added that the Egyptian and company funds were released because of an agreement for compensating the shareholders of the old Canal Company.

Mr. White said the agreement had erased the risk of double jeopardy which had been facing American users of the Suez Canal since that waterway between Europe and Asia was nationalised in July 1956.

The spokesman said the risk of American users having to pay tolls both to Egypt and the old company was the principal reason for the freezing of the assets in the first place. He was unable to say what the other reasons were.

WELCOME

Mr. White said the United States "welcomes" the agreement reached in Rome between representatives of the United Arab Republic and the shareholders of the old company. But he was non-committal when asked whether the United States contemplated taking other steps to normalise relations with the Government of President Gamal Abdel Nasser.—United Press.

Red Soldier Seeks Asylum

Tehran, Apr. 30. A Red Army soldier sought political asylum in Iran last week after crossing the Iranian-Soviet border near Pilsavari, an informed source reported today.

He said that the soldier told Iranian authorities at the border that he had killed a Soviet officer and another soldier and was forced to flee the Iron Curtain.

It was reported that the Soviet authorities approached their opposite numbers at the border to try to arrange an exchange of 15 Iranians in Russia for the fugitive soldier. But the Iranian authorities said that he must first be sent to Tehran, it was reported.

The Soviet Ambassador, A. Petrov, called on the under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Javad Sadegh, today. It was reported that he brought up the question of extradition.—United Press.

Factions Agree To Settle Differences

Rangoon, Apr. 30. Premier U Nu, in a radio broadcast last night, said a conflict in the Government coalition (AFPEL) was "growing each day" but that the factions involved had resolved to settle their dispute by democratic means without recourse to force.

The conflict is between the Premier and Deputy Premier Kyaw Nyein.

The Premier said he knew the Burmese people were concerned about the conflict and were worried whether the armed forces would intervene if a crisis arose. He said this would not happen because the Burmese army had undergone deep changes and today disliked the idea of military seizure of political power.

He said the opposing factions had agreed "to resolve differences by democratic means of no benefit. The AFPEL leaders

will on no account take the path of armed conflict." He said steps had also been taken to make certain that Burma's military police and regular police did not take sides in the dispute.

Did Very Best

"I did my very best to bring about unity in the AFPEL," the Premier said. "But if this is impossible, and a split occurs, I must own that I shall have to go with one side. I cannot remain neutral. I have already told the persons concerned which side this will be."

He said orders had been given for action to be taken against lawbreakers, whether they were members of the AFPEL or not, and that the authorities must carry out these instructions without discrimination.—United Press.

Congress Party Expected To Turn Down Nehru's Request

New Delhi, Apr. 30. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru called his cabinet in today to repeat his request that he be permitted to resign from office. However, informed sources said India's ruling Congress Party would turn him down.

The sources said the Party would oppose even the temporary withdrawal of Mr. Nehru from the premiership he has held for more than 10 years. They indicated that the most the party would allow Nehru was a few months' rest in the Kumaon Hills.

HOME MINISTER

Political circles said Mr. Nehru probably would ask his most trusted colleague, the Home Minister, Govind Ballabh Pant, to manage the country's affairs while he was away.

They said the Prime Minister had no intention of resigning outright and said his real feelings were contained in the statement he made to the Congress Party yesterday:

"I'm anxious to fit myself for the great tasks ahead and I feel it might help me to do so if I'm away from the centre of activity and responsibility."—United Press.

Four Persons Seriously Injured

Four persons, including two young boys, were seriously injured in traffic accidents yesterday. All are receiving treatment in hospital.

Chan Sun-yin, eight years of age, living at 301 Lal Chi Kok Road, was knocked down by a bicycle in Waterloo Road, near Victory Road. The other lad, Ma Sum-wun also aged eight of 297 Queen's Road West, 2nd floor, was knocked down by a private car in Bonham Road at the junction of Park Road.

In the third traffic accident, which occurred in Kun Tong Road, 30-year-old Ho Chung-wing of Hut 13, Yuen Lam Street, Tai Hang Tung, was knocked down by a commercial lorry.

The rider of a motor scooter, Cheung Hang-chor, aged 43, of 10A Tung Lo Wan Road, 4th floor, was seriously injured when he fell from his machine in Tai Hang Road. Another person, riding as a pillion passenger, received slight injuries.

IKE WANTS STRONG DEFENSIVE SHIELD

Washington, Apr. 30. President Eisenhower said tonight he wanted to see an American defensive shield made so strong "we cannot possibly have in our hearts fear of what might befall."

But, he warned, such strength could not be achieved simply by piling up weapons, manning and building fortresses.

He spoke during a surprise visit to the closing banquet of the US Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting. The Chamber earlier had proposed a general excise tax tantamount to a Federal sales tax on all goods and services except food, rent and clothing.

The President used the occasion of his visit to defend vigorously, for the second time today, his defence reorganisation plan. He had done so earlier at his news conference.

OWN DECISIONS

But, he said, "One of the greatest elements of America's strength is its free economy and the right of Americans to make their own decisions in the economic field."

The Chamber, winding up a three-day convention, adopted a number of policy declarations and heard the Commerce Secretary, Sinclair Weeks, predict that business would begin to pick up in late summer or early autumn.

It took no stand, however, on whether its tax reduction should be imposed at the manufacturers' or retailers' level.

The President originally had planned to send a written message to the final Chamber session but decided during the afternoon to make a personal appearance.

He thanked the Chamber again for supporting his reorganisation plan and apologised for "crashing your party."

Avoid Weaknesses

He then set in to defend his reorganisation plan as necessary to avoid weaknesses brought on by divided councils and indecisions.

He said "flexibility" was the key word in his concept of military reorganisation. He said it was imperative for Congress to grant the executive branch "flexibility of control" of the armed services.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'd hate to have been Eve, Miss Perkins! I mean Adam must have known she couldn't have married any better!"

Prosecution Closes Case Against Policemen

The Prosecution in the trial of a police Sub-Inspector, three policemen and a broker on charges of conspiracy to collect periodic payments from persons dealing in dangerous drugs closed its case this morning before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions.

The Hon. Leo D'Almada, Q.C., and Mr Terence Shurlock, Defence Counsel, then told the Court that the Defence were calling no evidence.

Mr Justice Gregg then adjourned the case until 10 a.m. tomorrow when addresses would be delivered by Crown and Defence Counsel.

On Trial

On trial are Au Ping-yan, 22, police sub-inspector, Tse Shu-ming, 27, police constable, Chau Bing-kwan, 24, police constable, Cheung Wai, 27, police constable, and Chiu Chum, 30, broker.

It was stated that the first accused was officer in charge of the Dangerous Drugs Squad at Eastern Police Station and the three constables were attached to the Squad.

The Hon. Leo D'Almada, Q.C., and Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Peter Mo and Co., are appearing for the first accused.

The other accused are represented by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton and Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by Hastings and Co.

Mr Stewart Collier, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector R. B. Bayless, appears for the prosecution.

Earlier in the morning, Mr Lao Wei-ching, a Police interpreter, testified that he acted as interpreter for Insp. Bayless when Insp. Bayless arrested the accused.

He said he also acted as interpreter for Insp. Bayless when the accused were charged at the Anti-Corruption Branch.

NO LABOUR TROUBLES

By A Staff Reporter

It's all quiet on the labour front so far and the unions of various political factions celebrated Labour Day today at meetings and concerts.

A Government spokesman said this morning that "nothing untoward" has happened.

The regular Police and the Auxiliary force who were called out yesterday on a combined exercise with some army units, are still continuing their manoeuvres.

TENANCY CASE PLANS FOR 6-STORY BUILDING

Plans for a six-storey structure costing \$128,620 to replace Nos 202/204, Johnston Road, were laid before Mr Derek Cons. President of Tenancy Tribunal with Mr G. E. Marden and Mr Harry Way, this morning.

Mr Leslie Wright, upon the instructions of Mr W. C. R. Carr of Johnson, Stokes and Master, and Mr P. C. Woo of P. C. Woo and Co., appeared on behalf of the applicants, Mr Tse Lai-chiu, owner of No 202, and Mr Ho Chai-kwan, represented by Mr Bros, owners of No. 204. Mr Wright said that they had signed an agreement to develop the site of the two houses by one modern structure for economic reasons, and produced evidence to show the financial ability of the applicants to carry through the scheme.

Mr Falkner Wong, authorised architect, described the existing buildings as very old tenement-type houses over 60 years old and in a dilapidated condition.

Tenants who had filed opposing applications were represented by Mr F. H. B. Wong of C. Y. Kwong and Co., Miss G. L. Loo of Ruan and Co., Mr P. Wong of M. K. Lam and Co., and Mr G. Ford of Ford, Kwan and Co.

Application For Order Of Certiorari

An application for an order of certiorari and an order of mandamus was brought by the Attorney-General on behalf of the Crown before the Full Court this morning.

Admissibility Of Statement Questioned

An objection to the admission of a statement allegedly made by a 43-year-old unemployed man, Lam Shung-ming, charged with murder, was raised during his trial by Defence Counsel, Mr H. L. Hu at Criminal Sessions this morning.

The trial was heard before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes and a Jury of five men and two women.

Accused was alleged to have had a quarrel with the deceased, Lam Shu-ming, otherwise known as James Ling, on December 19, following which he took a knife and murdered F. X. D'Almada, now representing the first respondent, Ho Kwong-hung.

Mr Hu, instructed by Messrs D'Almada and Mason, is representing the accused. Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, assisted by Divisional Det.-Insp. F. Indeg-Buckingham, is prosecuting.

GAVE INFORMATION

Det. Sgt Lam Kwong, attached to the CID Police Headquarters, Kowloon, testified that on the evening of December 19 last he went to No. 3 Lanchashire Road, Kowloon Tong. Outside the entrance of the house, witness said he saw accused standing there with some policemen and he then enquired what had happened. A corporal gave witness some information as a result of which, he (witness) then cautioned the accused.

Shown a notebook, witness identified it as his property.

After accused was cautioned, he elected to make a statement. Later the statement was read out to the accused, witness added, and he (accused) said it was all right. Accused then wrote, some Chinese characters, what he had said to the Police and he then signed his name there.

At the time of taking the statement, witness said he wrote it in front of a car parked outside the house, under a street lamp. Later, he said Divisional Det.-Insp. Judge - Buckingham arrived and accused was taken to the Police station.

OBJECTION

At this stage, Defence Counsel objected to the admission of the accused's statement into evidence on the grounds that, (1) the circumstances under which the statement was taken were outside the house and, (2) the defence was not satisfied whether accused at that time could possibly understand the meaning of caution, and whether he could possibly know that what he had said to the Police officer was in accordance with the truth.

Defence Counsel pointed out that when the Police arrived at the house, accused was lying on the ground and had been kicked. Mr Hu further pointed out that certain people had caught hold of the accused at that time before he was brought out of the house to make a statement.

His Lordship then directed the Jury to leave the Court for a moment and the objection was being dealt with in their absence.

Hearing is continuing.

Petty Thefts

Three persons have been detained following a number of petty thefts yesterday. One of the suspects is being questioned about the loss of a sum of money by an American sailor in Gloucester Road.

ERROR IN SLIP QUERIED

An alleged error in the making out of a conveyance pass-out slip issued by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., was queried by Defence Counsel this morning at the trial of an Indian and a Chinese accused of conspiracy and possession of dangerous drugs before Judge H. H. B. How at the Victoria District Court.

The accused are Mohindra Verma, 30, of 113B Macdonnell Road, and Pul Sang-hung, 35, unemployed, of 173 Wing Lok Street West, second floor.

The two are alleged to have conspired between October last year and February this year to deal in opium and to have possessed 1,070 pounds of the drug on February 22.

Verma is defended by Mr John McNeill, Q.C., and Mr V. J. D'Alton, instructed by P. L. Lam and Co. Mr Richard Winter is defending Pul Sang-hung by Hastings and Co.

Mr D. E. Greenfield and Mr D. G. Willis, both Crown Counsel, are prosecuting.

IDENTIFIED

Mr J. R. Henderson, of the records department of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., produced in evidence a letter dated October 11, 1957, received by his company. He also produced a lorry conveyance pass-out slip, relating to the goods mentioned in that letter.

Witness identified an undated letter requesting delivery of 25 bales of cotton. There was a discrepancy memo of his company attached relating to a certain discrepancy regarding the marking of the goods described in the letter.

On October 26, witness said, the goods were removed from the godown.

Shown a delivery order relating to a cargo of 35 cotton bales, Mr Henderson identified it as having been sent to his godown for the release of those bales. He identified the signature of the person authorising the release, and that of the godown man showing the goods were actually released on December 31, 1957.

Handed another delivery order, Mr Henderson said he received that document from the Everett Steamship Corporation on February 21, this year. The goods described on that document were released on February 22, according to the warehouseman's endorsement on it.

Mr Henderson also identified the conveyance pass-out slips relating to these goods. Mr McNeill referred to the delivery order for 35 bales of cotton and stated that it said, "Please delivery to Mr. Karim and Co., ex Asia, from Karachi, 35 bales."

MERE SLIP

Mr McNeill asked why one conveyance pass-out slip was marked "35 bales ex Victoria." Witness replied that the godown man must have made an error.

Asked if he agreed that it was "a rather astonishing error," Mr Henderson said he did not agree. He explained that the goods were released on February 22, according to the warehouseman's endorsement on it.

Mr McNeill asked if witness was suggesting that it was easy to make such an error. Mr Henderson stated he did not say it was easy. "I say it is understandable," he added.

Witness agreed that he had no personal knowledge as to how the "35 bales ex Victoria" were related to the document concerning "35 bales ex Asia."

Hearing is continuing.

Electric Fire

A small electric fire broke out at 9.30 a.m. today at 870 Lockhart Road, ground floor, as a result of a short circuit.

One engine was dispatched to the scene but the fire had been put out by the occupant, before it arrived.

There were no casualties and the only damage was to several feet of wiring.

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